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August 20, 2020

**BY EMAIL**

The Honorable Jed S. Rakoff  
United States District Court  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, New York 10007

**Re: *United States v. Petit & Taylor*, 19 Cr. 850 (JSR)**

Dear Judge Rakoff:

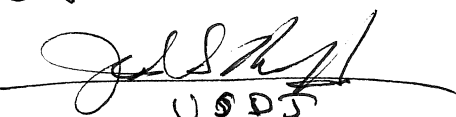
Pursuant to the Court's instructions on the August 14, 2020 phone conference, the parties write to jointly request the exclusion of time under the Speedy Trial Act from October 5, 2020 through November 9, 2020, the date currently set for trial. This exclusion is warranted under 18 U.S.C., section 3161(h)(7)(A) inasmuch as the ends of justice outweigh the best interest of the public and the defendants in a speedy trial in light of the novel and unprecedented conditions posed by the current COVID-19 pandemic. As discussed with the Court, the parties requested a trial date in or about mid-November 2020, assuming that jury trials resume in September or October 2020, and the parties respectfully request that an application made to the Assignment Committee reflect that preference.

Respectfully submitted,

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U.S.D.J.  
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